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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Please enter applicants' **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper. The specific changes are indicated by underscoring text to be added, and by ~~striketrough~~ or [[double bracketing]] text to be deleted.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

As an integral part of this response, applicants furthermore present as Appendix A that follows page 9 of this paper, a number of citations and illustrations from the scientific literature which applicants believe will help clarify the hierarchy of collagen structure. Applicants also attach as Appendix B, a **Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132** of Co-inventor Timothy A. Ringeisen. This Appendix B also forms an integral part of this response.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. If this is found to be in error, the Finance Division is authorized to debit the undersigned's Account No. 50-1020 in the amount of the balance due.